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2. Alphabetical Designators In connection with information contained herein, specific points of interest are

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referred to in this report by the following alphabetical designators:

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- A. Path of entrance
- B. Searchlight
- C. Dropped anchor
- D. Berth
- E. Outgoing pilot discharged
- F. Direction of swell
- G. tanker
- H. Soviet tanker
- I. Soviet and tankers
- J. Two or three Liberty ships
- K. Soviet passenger ship berth

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7. Berth

five tankers could berth at mole and its land extension.

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the deck of mole was constructed of stone. There was no railroad on the mole, but an asphalt road ran the length of it. The pipes conducting the benzol and diesel fuel ran underground and emerged in a nest of six or eight pipes with 8" and 10" diameters. No handling equipment was found at the berth

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a single flexible hose connection with a 10" diameter. Benzol was loaded at the rate of 200 long tons per hour. Water was available at the berth. the distance between the water level and the deck of mole was 10'.

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8. Naval Vessels

one cruiser and two destroyers of the Soviet Navy about eight miles on the port bow headed in the direction of Poti. These naval vessels were in a line ahead formation with the cruiser in the middle. Their speed was approximately 15 knots, and they displayed conventional navigation lights.

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9. Merchant Vessels At designator G a [] tanker of 16 thousand tons deadweight was berthed. At designator H a Soviet tanker of 14 thousand tons deadweight was berthed. At designator I first a Soviet tanker of 14 thousand tons deadweight and later a [] tanker of two thousand tons deadweight was berthed. At designator J [] two or three liberty ships. At designator K 2 Soviet passenger ships of 20 thousand tons deadweight each berthed for one day on two separate occasions. [] these passenger ships made only Black Sea calls.

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It is doubtful if all mooring buoys in the harbor have been removed. Recent photographs indicate that some of those buoys are still in place.]

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